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SUBJECT: SKYLINK: RADIO RECIPROCITY

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1. BY CHANCE I HAPPENED TO FIND MYSELF ON SAME AIRCRAFT WITH ASHRAF MARWAN WHEN FLYING FROM LONDON TO CAIRO LAST SUNDAY. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE TO HIM THE POINTS CITED PARA 2 STATE 106360, STRESSING THAT US HAS HAD NO RPT NO REQUEST FROM GOE EMBASSY SINCE MID--60'S TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A RADIO TRANSMITTER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK AND THE FACT THAT US LAW RESTRICTS FOREIGN EMBASSIES' RADIO TRANSMITTERS TO LOW POWER. LATTER HAS BEEN INTERPRETED NOT TO EXCEED 1 KW. I TOLD MARWAN THAT WITHIN LIMITS PERMITTED BY US LAW WE WOULD OF COURSE PROCESS ANY GOE EMBASSY APPLICATION FOR RADIO TRANSMITTER. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT POWER REQUIRED FOR OUR NEW SKYLINK INSTALLATION IS LESS THAN 1 KW.

2. AFTER SOME FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, MARWAN ACCEPTED MY POINTS. HE DROPPED HIS EARLIER REQUEST 5KW RADIO TRANSMITTER IN WASHINGTON AS PRICE FOR PERMITTING US TO OPERATE SKYLINK. HE DID NOT RPT NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT OF GOE BEING PERMITTED TO USE OUR SKYLINK SATTELITE AND I OF COURSE DID NOT

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RAISE IT.

3. OUR TALK WAS ENTIRELY AMICABLE AND FOR THE
MOMENT AT LEAST THIS OBSTACLE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN
HURDLED. WE MAY, OF COURSE, FACE IT AGAIN WHEN
PERMISSION FOR ANNUAL RENEWAL HAS TO BE SOUGHT
FROM GOE NEXT JANUARY.
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